Supply of essential drugs to Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Sciences

2301. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute shortage of essential drugs in the Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Sciences for the treatment of drug addicts;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the shortage of essential drugs in the Institute; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government to ensure uninterrupted supply of drugs to the institute for the treatment of drug addicts ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Sciences has no Drug De-Addiction Centre.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Disposal of Hospital Wastes to Prevent AIDS

2302. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that prevention of AIDS have assumed special emphasis in action plans of Government;

(b) if so, details of emphasis;

(c) whether it is a fact that AIDS is very commonly found to have been communicated into the body of otherwise sick persons, particularly at hospitals by transmission of impured blood, administering injection by recycled needles/syringes etc.;

(d) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the reports of large scale dumping of used items viz. syringes, fluid bottles etc., by hospitals, in dustbins instead of destroying/burning them and recycling of the articles by the network of ragpickers even in the capital city in Delhi ; and

(e) if so, steps taken to ensure burning of the used hospital items and proper monitoring of the situation all over the country ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A National Programme for prevention and control of AIDS has been taken up in hand during the Eighth Plan period. The programme is being implemented by all the States and Union Territories.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Government is aware of such press reports.

(e) Guidelines have already been sent to all Medical Colleges and Hospitals in the country, including Delhi, on the disposal of the hospital waste and control of Hospital infection.

Fear of outbreak of Serious Diseases

2303. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the country's most prestigious medical sciences institute, the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, has warned of out-break of more deadly diseases like Dangue haemorrhagic fever, while the country is still limping back to normalcy after the vicious plague epidemic; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to this warning to prevent the outbreak of deadlier diseases ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Steps to prevent urination at Public Places

2304. SMT. VEENA VERMA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the serious problem of public urination around the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi which plays an important role in India's health drives and campaigns ;

(b) if so, whether there is any law to affectively prevent such public urination; and

(c) what steps Government are contemplating in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) There is no problem of public urination inside AIIMS Complex. For areas outside the AIIMS campus responsibility rests with the Civic Authorities to provide adequate public urinals.

Availability of essential antibiotics

2305. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY :
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the latest generation antibiotics available in the Indian market;